

Park Avenue
Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישראל

January Bulletin

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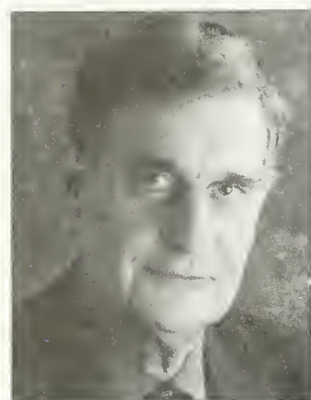
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From the Rabbi's Desk

Is it permitted for Jews to accept help from what some may consider unethical or immoral sources? No doubt the ancient sages, the teachers of morality, have insisted that cooperation with evil, even for a common good, should not be the way



of the Jew. Pause a moment, however, and reflect on our fascinating history.

Alexander the Great was no great humanitarian

and yet, he was beloved by the People of the Book for his magnanimity toward them. Oliver Cromwell was hated by the Catholics of Ireland for his brutality, but adored by Jews for the consideration and justice in his dealings with them. Napoleon and, yes, Richard Nixon, were both deserving of reproach and censure, yet were compassionate with us at critical moments.

Everyone is familiar with the broad boulevards of history, but the real essence of men and events is more often to be found in its humbler byways or around its infrequent corners where secret meetings are planned, confidences revealed, and the true nature of the leading figures discovered. "Cloak and dagger" diplomacy may still have more powerful effects than the bludgeon of artillery and tank or, indeed, mass demonstration.

Of such stuff were the little-known contacts between the great Jewish leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky and one Maxim Slavinsky. Who was this Slavinsky? None other than the accredited representative of Hetman Petlura, whose armies and minions will live forever not

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES January 2005	
Saturday morning, January 1	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Friday evening, January 7	
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:15 pm
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Saturday morning, January 8	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
<i>Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Sills, daughter of Carol Schwartz & Robert Sills</i>	
Havurah Service	9:30 am
Friday evening, January 14	
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Children's Birthday Service	
Saturday morning, January 15	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Friday evening, January 21 - Shabbaton	
Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Followed by Congregational Shabbat Dinner-Dennis Prager, speaker*	
Saturday, January 22 - Shabbaton	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Dennis Prager, speaker	
Havurah Service	9:30 am
Tot Shabbat Service	11:15 am
Havdallah Program	6:15 pm
Friday evening, January 28	
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Saturday, January 29	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.	
*Reservations required	

as they should have done – heroes of a nascent nationalism fighting the giant Bolshevik bogey – but, alas, as wild, undisciplined hordes whose swords emasculated and slaughtered innocent Jewish villagers through Ukraine and any territory they entered.

How then can Jabotinsky, proud-

hearted Jew to whom every Jewish life is precious, whose eyes are perpetually fixed upon that great Messianic dream of an independent state in Zion, not for power or princely trappings, but as a tiny home, a haven, a refuge – how then can he of all people be found tête-à-tête diplomatically negotiating with Maxim



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We hope you will set aside the date to join us for this fun-filled evening. This event will bring the entire congregation together as a community, and the revenue received will support the multitude of exciting programs in our Synagogue and help defray the increased costs of security. We are honoring Marcia and Geoffrey Colvin, both of whom have played pivotal roles in the growth and success of Park Avenue Synagogue. They exemplify the spark within us.

We encourage you to consider supporting the commemorative journal in tribute to Marcia and Geoffrey. The journal will focus on the magnificent Judaica in our Synagogue and all ads will be tastefully and simply acknowledged.

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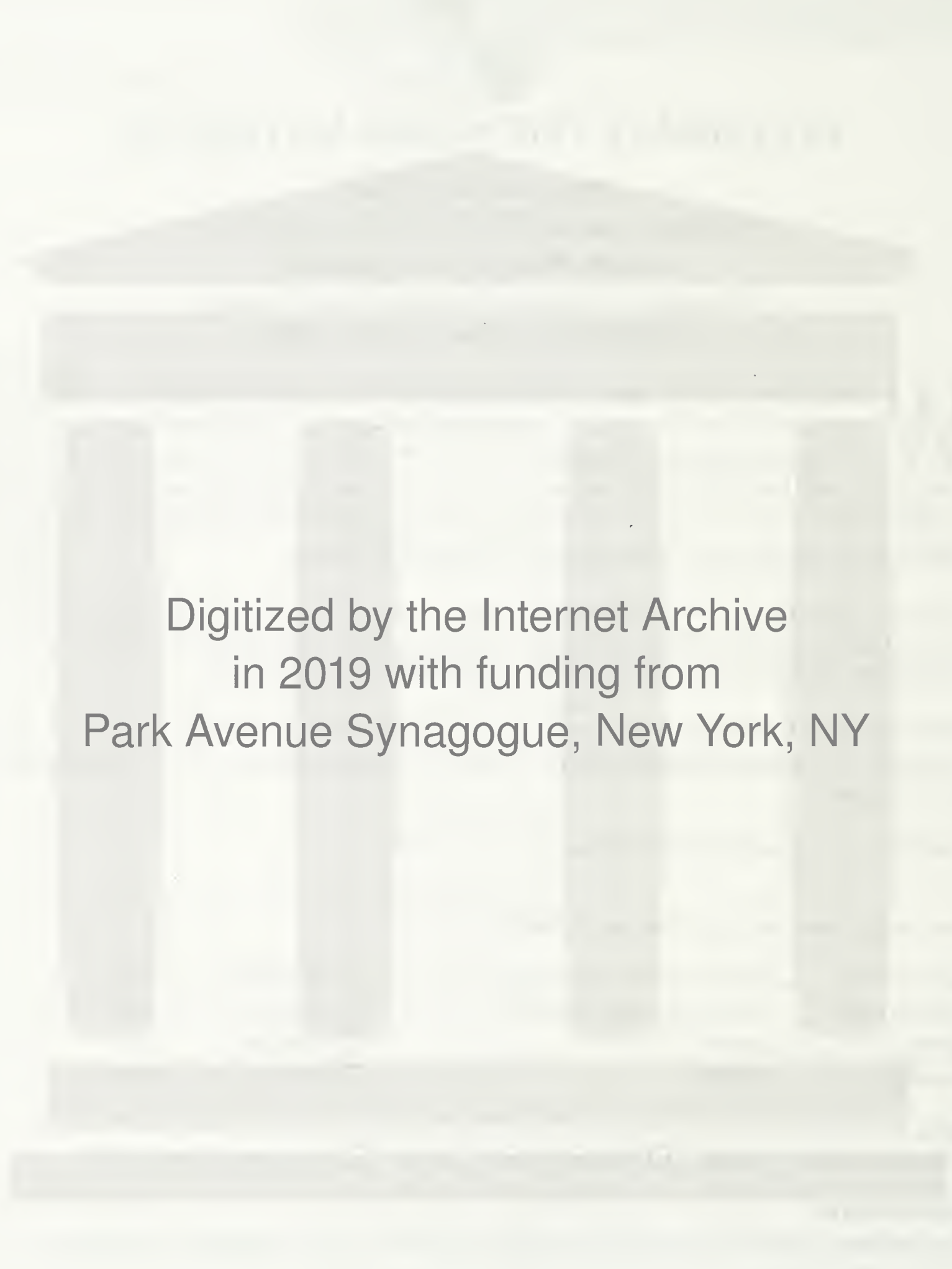
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From the Chairman

It is hard to believe that when you read this, we will have traveled on our first congregational trip to Israel and are now home safe and sound. I look forward to sharing with all of you some of the experiences from our travels.



It is now time for us to focus our attention as a Congregation in a new direction. This year, our theme is "The Spark Within Us: Understanding What Inspires Us as Jews Today." The choice for this year-long focus was made as a result of a need within our congregation to take a look at the unique and special qualities that make

us Jewish and to give us the tools to articulate those qualities to ourselves and the next generation.

It is the goal of the year to offer every age group, from our youngest congregants to our most senior members, a number of ways to reflect on the values and priorities we have as Jews, and what is important to us about these values. We want to help each congregant honor the past and imagine the future.

The year will be divided into two parts: From January to September, we will look at what makes us Jewish by examining four different areas: the people of the Book, the people of the immigrant experience, the people of history and memory, and the people of *Mitzvot*. During this time, we will all try together to understand more about ourselves. We will use the traditional time for reflection, the High Holy Days, as a transition to the remainder of the year. Starting in late October, we will give every

congregant, in a variety of ways, a chance to articulate what is important to him or her. Initial plans include workshops on creating ethical wills and opportunities to record oral histories.

As with our "Israel this Year" programming, there will be countless occasions to be involved in "The Spark Within Us." Each arm will participate, all of our students will be involved, and activities will range from *Shabbat* dinner discussions, to perhaps creating a cookbook or attending theater together. It is exciting to take this Jewish journey together. It is my sincere hope that when you read my January 2006 column, you will know more about yourself as a Jew than you do today. This exciting year kicks off with our *Shabbaton*, January 21-January 22. See you there!

Amy A.B. Bressman,
Chairman

Slavinsky, representative of the Ukrainian Democratic Republic?

This is Jabotinsky, the man of action and of practical world politics. For him dreams and ideals are not to be the end but the beginning. If words are to be shaped, the dreamer must wield something—sword some say; the pen, say others, but mighty and material weapon there must be.

So Jabotinsky hearing in 1922 that a new army of some 15,000 men waits in Poland to invade the Soviet Ukraine foresees pogroms and pillage to come as the probable milestones of the advancing Cossacks. The Ukrainian leaders, including Petlura himself, are loud in their denials that they are anti-Semitic. Those murders, "unfortunate incidents" as they were diplomatically described, these say the Ukrainian leaders were the work of undisciplined

fanatics overwrought by a fervid nationalism and blinded by battle fury unable to distinguish friend from foe!

"Very well," says Jabotinsky, "then you will assist me to form and encourage a Jewish militia to defend actively the ghettos and the peaceful and harmless Jewish peasantry of the area. A magnificent and stirring concept.

Neither the invasion nor the Jewish defense militia was ever to come into being. But the vision was there and heralded, perhaps, the immoral battles of Jewish militias and armies, which were soon to electrify the world.

Jabotinsky never sought praise or recognition, but he certainly did not merit the abuse and uninformed criticism from almost all quarters. This was, they said, a "pact with the devil." His motives were questioned before

they were understood. There was talk of taking "bloodstained hands." Religiously Orthodox and politically conservative elements alone were ready to recognize the deep sincerity, which had moved him, for they, perhaps, were old and wise and had learned the lessons of the ages.

The attacks on Jabotinsky over this matter continued throughout his life. Yet, he persisted in his belief that his action had been fully justified. Make my epitaph, he said... "This was the man who made a pact with Petlura."

His critics were as usual the left moved by a fanatical belief that the sun of toleration would shine from Soviet eyes.

Hear now the hollow and mocking laugh of history!!!

David H. Lincoln
Senior Rabbi

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Shabbaton 2005/ 5765: January 21-22

The Spark Within Us: What Inspires Us as Jews Today

Shabbaton 2005 kicks off a year-long focus on what makes us special and unique as a people. We have an opportunity to discover the rich dimensions of the legacy we have inherited, and the challenges of passing this legacy on to the next generation. The theme this year enables us to delve into our past as we search for tools to heighten our experience as Jews and to define the values that we want to transmit to future generations. Each month, watch for P.A.S. events, programs and classes that will focus on this year-long theme.

The *Shabbaton* provides us with the

opportunity to come together as a true community of learners to experience *Shabbat* in a relaxed, yet intensive way. Beginning on **Friday evening, January 21**, with a *Rinah U'Tefilah Kabbalat Shabbat* service and a Congregational *Shabbat* dinner, and continuing through **Saturday, January 22** with a *Shabbat Morning Plus!* service, *Tot Shabbat* service, lunch and afternoon study, and concluding with a *Seudah Shleshit* (traditional third meal and *Tu B'shevat Seder*) and musical *Havdallah* service, the *Shabbaton* will allow us to explore and reflect on our theme. Don't miss this *Shabbat* of study, learning, community and renewal.

Shabbaton Services

Rinah U'Tefilah: A Joyous Service of Song and Prayer

The *Shabbaton* will begin on **Friday, January 21, at 6:15 pm** with a glorious song and prayer service, followed by a festive *Kiddush*, and a Congregational *Shabbat* dinner. This service will provide a spiritual bridge from the hectic pace of the week to the serenity of *Shabbat* and the *Shabbaton*. Celebrate through song, prayer and contemplation.

Tot Shabbat

On **Saturday, January 22, 11:15 am – 12:00 noon**, P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to participate in the *Shabbaton* by celebrating together with their parents, grandparents and friends on *Shabbat* morning.

Shabbaton Faculty



Scholar-in-Residence Dennis Prager is a best-selling author, respected radio talk-show host and modern Jewish thinker. He was a

Fellow at Columbia University's School of International Affairs, where he did graduate work at the Middle East and Russian Institutes. Mr. Prager has lectured on all seven continents, in 45 U.S. states and in nine of Canada's 10 provinces.



Featured Musical Guest for Students Rick Recht is widely recognized for his particular appeal to youth and family audiences as a powerful musician,

singer/songwriter, entertainer, and role model. Recht won the 2001 American Zionist Movement and 2000 American Jewish Festival songwriting contests. His contribution to the Jewish music world marks the birth of a unique blend of pop, radio-friendly music with Hebrew, Jewish text, and social responsibility.

Bein Kodesh L'Chol: A Havdallah Program for Everyone

On **Saturday evening, January 22**, special musical guest Rick Recht will be on hand as we mark the end of *Shabbat* and the beginning of the new week with our *Havdallah* program. This beautiful and intimate service combines prayer, song and the use of sweet-smelling spices, braided candles and wine. Join us as we mark the passage of time from the sacred to profane in this most moving of rituals.

Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc.? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan. Call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue for more information, (212) 369-2600.



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Where To Make Money in 2005: Men's Club Annual Investment Forum

On **Tuesday January 11 at 7:00 pm**, the Men's Club is proud to sponsor its annual Investment Forum at P.A.S., featuring three top Wall Street professionals, who are also congregants. The Forum will again be moderated by Maury Harris, Managing Director and Chief Economist for the Americas of UBS Investment Research. Maury recently won one of his industry's highest honors by being named to *Institutional Investor* magazine's "first team" in U.S. Fixed Income Research. Maury will be joined on the panel by Charlie Temel, Senior V.P. at UBS Financial Services and a Certified Investment Management

Consultant, and by Jason Mandel, Managing Partner of HMFUND.COM, a "fund of funds" that engages in a variety of market-neutral and tax-advantaged hedged investment strategies.

The Forum is open to the entire P.A.S. community without charge, and is the ideal place to find out the factors these industry leaders feel will govern the U.S. economy in 2005, how investors should balance performance and safety, how bonds and stocks are likely to do in the coming year, and all about "hedge funds," which supposedly achieve stable returns in good markets and bad.

Discuss a Good Book

A stimulating discussion of *Fateless*, by Imre Kertez (available in paperback), will take place at the Evening Book Discussion Group on **Monday, January 3 at 8:00 pm** in the Library. The discussion will be led by Pat Davidson.

Before the Stork Arrives: A Class for Expectant Parents

Spend a calm, leisurely hour on **Tuesday, January 18 at 8:00 pm** with Rabbi Kenneth Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben* before you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn. To register, please call Naomi Lipnick in Rabbi Stern's office, at (212) 369-2600, ext. 121, or email nlipnick@pasyn.com.

Learn About the Jews and the Civil War

On **Monday, January 24 at 7:30 pm**, join WEG to hear noted lecturer Bud Livingston discuss "American Jewry & the Civil War." The talk will encompass strange and fascinating facts concerning the "Isrealites" of the Civil War era. Watch for details.

Men's Club Family Event

Cheer the New York Knicks on **Sunday January 23 at 3:00 pm** when they battle the Milwaukee Bucks at Madison Square Garden. This family event is sponsored by the P.A.S. Men's Club and is open to all. We hope you will join us. The cost of each ticket is \$50. Seats are limited; please call Fred Mirsky as soon as possible at (212) 371-3933 to reserve your tickets.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

*In Loving Memory of Dr. and Mrs.
Albert Cornell*

The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out in complete confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at (212) 369-2600.

January Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with January birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, January 14, at 6:15 p.m.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

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Synagogue Family

December Bat Mitzvah

Rebecca Sills
January 8, 2005



Rebecca (Becky) Sills attended the P.A.S. Early Childhood Center. She is now a seventh grader at The Dalton School, where she especially likes

math and science. Becky loves her summers at Camp Modin in Maine. She sails, swims and enjoys her summer freedom.

Becky's *Bat Mitzvah Parsha* is *Va'eira* ("I revealed myself"). G-d tells Moses, "I revealed" Myself to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. G-d promises to bring us out of Egypt and to take us as His nation. Moses questions his ability to speak, so Aaron speaks for him. Pharaoh doesn't relent – and G-d sends the first seven plagues. The *Parsha* interrupts the action with the genealogy of Aaron and Moses. In addition to its well-known themes, *Va'eira* stresses the importance of family – siblings, immediate and remote ancestors, and the family of Israel.

With Pride and Congratulations

P.A.S. extends a hearty mazel tov to:

- Eleanore and Harold Geringer, on the birth of their grandson, Spencer Aidan Lieberman.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

- The family of Carolyn M. Greenberg.
- The family of Minnie Helman.
- Rabbi Kenneth Stern, on the passing of his father, Ernest Stern.
- The family of William Tannenbaum.

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study and Learning

Ongoing Adult Education Classes Continue...

- What Does the *Talmud* Say About...? *Talmud* Study, with Rabbi David Lincoln
- Tuesday Topics, with Rabbi Kenneth Stern
- Lunch 'n' Learn, with members of the Clergy and Education Department
- Women on the Verge, with Renee Ghert-Zand
- Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask, with Sarah Gribetz
- Intermediate Hebrew, with Varda Hubara
- Hebrew for Beginners, with Sarah Gribetz

Family Education/ Kehillah

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

On Friday, January 7, 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm, join Jody Prusan and members of the clergy at Friday evening services for toddlers & pre-school-aged children, parents, grandparents and friends.

HaMishpachah Sheli Toddler Program

Classes resume from Winter Break on January 3. There will be no class on January 17 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. The new semester begins on January 31. Sign up now!

A Day in the (Increasingly Busy) Rothschild Library

by Rabbi Dawn Rose, Library Director

A day in the Rothschild Library might begin with storytelling for toddlers and their parents. Last week, for example, three groups of 1-2 year-olds heard the story of Baby Moses, and then explored our board book collection hands-on.

That same week, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, dozens of Congregational School students took advantage of our *Beit Limud*, or Study Hall, where ravenous youngsters have special clearance to eat their coveted snacks while preparing their school lessons for the next day. Sometimes, just about every chair is filled. The earnestness in the air is wonderful. Even with all those kids, the Library is quiet except for the low murmur of study buddies and their accompanying "crunch, crunch, crunch..."

An hour later, some of the students were back in the Library with their class, to hear and act out *Torah* stories with me. Several classes joined the camel caravan taken by Abraham's servant to find a wife for Isaac (you've heard of walk like an Egyptian, but can you lope like a camel as well?).

On top of all this action, some Thursday evenings, adult students meet with me to study the *Parsha Hashavuah*, the weekly *Torah* portion.

Our philosophy at the Rothschild Library is that a library isn't just a place where we store books. Rather, a library (a good synagogue library) is a place where we live our lives most vibrantly with books—in, through, around, and out again.

News From Our Schools

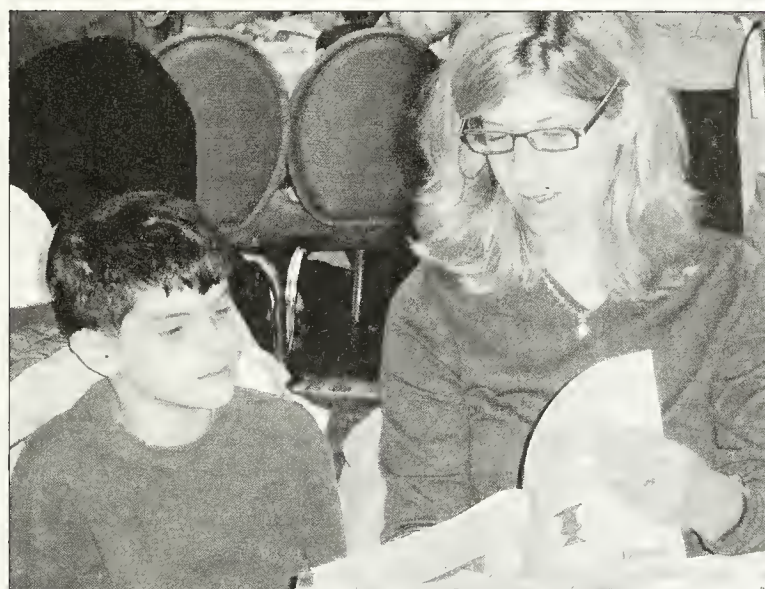


Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Education Director

Veshinantam L'vanecha : Parents as Jewish Role Models

Although I love working with and teaching our young students, a highlight of my week is the adult-education class I teach on Wednesday mornings to a group of mothers from our Congregational School community. We are commanded to teach our children, to pass our tradition down from generation to generation. The *sh'ma* prayer exhorts us with “*veshinantam l'vanecha*” (and you shall teach them [the *mitzvot*] to your children), and every *Pesach* we are reminded of the imperative of “*vehigadeta l'vincha*,” of



Veshinantam l'vanecha (teaching our children) in action.

retelling the story of the Exodus to our young family members gathered with us at the *Seder*.

The only way for parents to be able

to teach their children is to make sure that they themselves are knowledgeable about Judaism. Being Jewish requires lifelong learning, and especially re-learning things that we have already been taught as children. As adults, we bring a new level of understanding to whatever is being studied. In *Pirkei Avot*, we are told by Ben Bag-Bag to “study it [the *Torah*, i.e., our tradition] and review it: You will find everything in it. Scrutinize it, grow old and gray in it, do not depart from it: There is no better portion in life than this.”

Lhavdil (on the contrary), the mothers from our Congregational School who meet with me weekly for an hour and a half for a course offered through the Synagogue’s adult-education program, are young and vibrant and far from old and gray! During the fall, we learned conversational Hebrew in preparation for the P.A.S. trip to Israel, in which several members of the class took part. Our focus in the spring semester will be more on liturgy, and on the *amidah* prayer, in particular. The curriculum also includes learning *Torah* cantillation, with the moms working toward *laining* in Junior Congregation and at their children’s *B’nei Mitzvah*.

A study commissioned by the Jewish Theological Seminary and the AVI CHAI Foundation has tracked the Jewish engagement of young adults raised in Conservative synagogues between 1995 and 2003. According to its findings, this generation’s sense of Jewishness and their Jewish identity are very much linked to their families. In fact, half of the young people interviewed for the study named family members as their primary Jewish role models, with one-third of them choosing their parents. There is no better way to convey to your children the importance of Jewish living and learning than by doing so yourself.

January Dates To Remember

Monday, January 3	Classes resume after winter break.
Friday, January 7, 6:00 pm	<i>Gan, Alef, Bet & MATAN rishon</i> Friday evening service and dinner
Saturday, January 15 - Monday, January 17	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday weekend
Sunday, January 16	<i>Hay</i> (group 2) visit to The Jewish Museum
Wednesday, January, 19	<i>Hay</i> (group 1) visit to The Jewish Museum
Saturday, January 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<i>Shabbaton Shabbat B'yachad</i> featuring concert by Rick Recht – for <i>Gimel, Daled, Hay, Vav & MATAN sheni</i> students and parents
Saturday, January 29	<i>Nitzanim</i> service – required for <i>Gan, Alef, Bet & MATAN rishon</i> families with last names A-G
Sunday, January 30	Visit to The Museum of Jewish Heritage for <i>Zayin</i> students and parents

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

by Lisa Samick

Israel Bumper to Bumper

As you probably already know, the continued success of the Junior/Senior seminar in the High School has been a very exciting addition to our program. This year, our focus has been Israel and helping our students to grapple with the complex and nuanced challenges that Israel faces – both internally and externally.

Obviously, as educators, we are constantly looking for experiences that will make this subject real and relevant to our students. We have pushed them to continue to define what their relationship to Israel will be, as American Jews, and how that affects their developing Jewish identity. However, as they are simultaneously struggling to characterize who they are, in general, we constantly strive to find resources that both challenge them and resonate with them.

In a recent class, that symbiosis was palpable and for all of us – student and teacher alike – it was a rewarding and exciting evening. The beauty and poetry of Israeli music and the bombastic, shrill nature of its bumper stickers, slogans and graffiti are two phenomena that play important roles in Israeli society. *Shirat HaSticker* (“The Sticker Song”), written by veteran Israeli author and intellectual David Grossman and performed by the Israeli hip-hop band *HaDag Nachash* offered us a fun and interactive way to engage with both phenomena. The song, which is basically a hip-hop recitation of a

long series of Israeli bumper stickers, is perfectly oriented so that the meanings and sounds of the stickers mesh and flow seamlessly.

As we heard this song and examined the bumper stickers that it represented, it

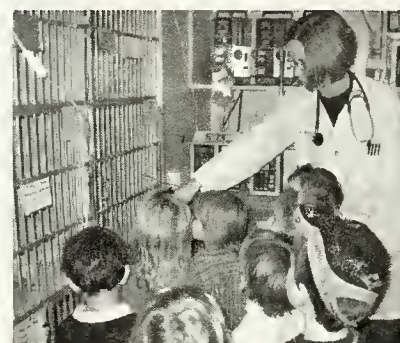
triggered a deep, authentic conversation about the diversity of the issues and the people of Israel. In this way, our students had a glimpse of Israeli society – not from the lens of CNN or *The New York Times* or even through the eyes of a presenter, but through a contemporary, primary source. The inclusion of Israeli culture, as part of our survey of Israel, is a crucial component to connecting our students, not just to the problems in Israel, but also to the rich, incredible Jewish culture that surrounds it.

Early Childhood Center Learning By Doing Is Fun!

Throughout the year we try to instill Jewish values in our children with the hope that they will grow into caring *menschen*. Toward that end, our teachers introduce values to our children in ways that are engaging, fun, educational, as well as age appropriate. Activities that incorporate Jewish values are woven into the daily routines of each classroom and into the hearts of our children.

For example, in learning to *care for the earth*, the children are introduced to the concept of recycling. In some of the classes, the *recycler* has the designated job of collecting empty milk cartons, apple and grape juice bottles and proudly placing them in the correct bins. Children also bring empty food boxes and containers from home to be recycled into art projects and elaborate sculptures. Our older children even have the opportunity to make new paper from scraps.

In our version of *Bikur Cholim*, teachers bring children to the office to call their sick classmates at home. The expressions of “missing” their friends and “hoping they’ll get well” and return to school are endearing.



Visiting the vet's office

While learning to *care for animals*, our children take turns feeding and tending the various pets in our classrooms: fish, guinea pigs, bearded dragons, snails and frogs. The children from one room visited a veterinary center and then had a veterinarian come to the classroom with various animals. What they experienced was then reenacted in all areas of the room: painting, drawing, constructing, block-building, book-writing, and dramatic play.

These are a but a few of the examples of ways we incorporate Jewish values into our curriculum to provide a foundation for the kind and caring adults we hope our children will grow to be.

January Dates To Remember

Wednesday, January 5	First day back at class
Saturday, January 8	Teen <i>Minyan</i>
Saturday, January 22	<i>Shabbat Ha'kvod</i>
Sunday, January 30	<i>Chesed Sunday</i> (TBA)

January Dates To Remember

Tuesday, January 11, 9:15 am	First Aid Course for Nannies and Parents
Wednesday January 12, 6:45 pm	Meet with Rabbi Lincoln
Thursday, January 13	Parent Conferences for 2-day Orange Room
Tuesday & Wednesday, January 18 & 19	Class Photos
Friday, January 21, 5:15 pm	Family <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner

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On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal **between October 25 and November 17, 2004**. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain the level of our dynamic programming and community social action efforts, such as the Food Pantry.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is an important Synagogue-wide fundraising campaign that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual Synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

Membership dues account for only 38% of the operating budget;

Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in the last 3 years;

Maintaining our inspiring sanctuary and landmark facility, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever we need your generous contributions. Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a *Kol Nidre* pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

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- Mrs. Joan Goldberg, in loving memory of her parents, Fern & Jack Hoexter, on their *Yahrzeits*.
Mr. Ralph Levenson, in memory of his beloved father, Milton Levenson.

High School Food Pantry

- Nadine & Edward Cohen, in honor of Amy & Douglas Schreiber.
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Liturgical Music Fund

The Schefflers, in honor of our Rabbis and Cantors.

Mitzvah Day Fund

- Dr. Jean P. Bachman.
Doris Finkel, Susan Abend, Ellie Slovis, Ann Wimpfheimer and David Wimpfheimer, in honor of Rabbi Kenneth Stern.

Nursery School Fund

- Erika & Jay Abramson, in honor of Stone's 4th birthday.
Linda & Ron Mandle, in honor of Cynthia Brodsky's becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.
Stephanie Rosenfeld & her Family, in honor of the *B'nai Mitzvah* of Leah and Jacob Mark.
Stephanie Rosenfeld & her Family, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of Elise Mordos.

Prayer Book Fund

- Mr. & Mrs. Herb Feiwei, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Madeleine Redlich, in memory of her beloved husband, Richard Redlich.

Welfare Fund

- Esta & Wallace Chavkin, for the speedy recovery of Harvey Levine.
Dr. Samuel Katz, in honor of his birthday.
Marian Levitt, in honor of the marriage of Douglas & Amy Schreiber.
Ruth & Sidney Nearenberg, in honor of Mark & Jamie's *Ufruf*.
The Schefflers, in honor of our Rabbis and Cantors.
Florence, Terry & Bill Solomon, in memory of Gerald Bessinger.

Synagogue Offerings

- Dr. Jean Bachman, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Bachman.
David & Janice Barnard, in honor of the marriage of

Douglas Schreiber & Amy Stern.

Mr. Morton Baum, in memory of his beloved mother, Sarah Baum.

Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved husband, Philip Bernstein.

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Ms. Dorothy Diamond, in memory of her beloved father, David Diamond.

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Mrs. Rhoda Elkies, in memory of her beloved father, Sumner Stopnik.

Mr. Bernard Feinberg, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Phyllis Feinberg, in memory of her beloved father, Jack Salovsky.

Mrs. Susan Fischer, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Glatzer.

Ms. Yola Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Rifka Gertel.

Dr. Herbert Frommer, in memory of his beloved mother, Ethel Frommer.

Lenore & Harold Garber, in honor of Helen Raticoff.

Ms. Elaine Gilde, in honor of her birthday.

Dr. Iona Ginsburg, in memory of her beloved mother, Gertrude Seidman Horowitz.

Mrs. Martha Gold, in memory of her beloved son, Leonard M. Gold.

Dr. James A. Goldman, in honor of his birthday.

Dr. James A. Goldman, in memory of his beloved father, Mandel Goldman.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Elsie Goll, in memory of her beloved sister, Irma Goldberg.

Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Mary Scheffler, mother of Sylvan Scheffler.

Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Murray Warshavsky, father of Calvin Roberts.

Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Gerald Bessinger, husband of Muriel Bessinger.

Mr. Lewis Honig, in memory of his beloved mother, Lillian Honig.

Mrs. Miriam Kaplan, in honor of her birthday.

Linda Klempner, in honor of the marriage of Amy Stern to Douglas, son of Joan & Paul Schreiber.

Linda Klempner, in honor of the birth of Spencer Aidan Lieberman, grandson of Eleanor & Harold Geringer.

Mr. Stanley Kreinik, in honor of his birthday.

Stephen Langford & Randi Michele Norotsky, in honor of their anniversary.

Harriet Lasky & Ina Strauss, in honor of Cynthia Brodsky's *Bat Mitzvah*.

Ms. Stephanie Later, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Later.

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Levine, in honor of Henry Glanternik and Rachael First, for being honored on *Simhat Torah*.

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Levine, in memory of Sylvia Ullman.

Dr. Zanel Liff, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Miriam London, in memory of her beloved mother, Pearl Schechterson.

Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved sister, Ruth Moskowitz Gershon.

Mr. Steven J. Mandelsberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Stella Mandelsberg.

Mrs. Elaine Marks, in memory of her beloved father, Isidore Sigmund Miller.

Mr. Herbert Nadler, in honor of his birthday.

Ms. Rachel Philipp, in memory of her beloved mother, Chana Sarah Furchtgott.

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Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her dearly beloved husband, Dr. Leon Pordy.

Dr. Seligman Rosenberg, in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Max Rosenberg.

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Mr. Robert De Rothschild, in memory of his beloved wife, Debra De Rothschild.

Mr. Henry Rutman, in honor of his birthday.

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Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her beloved father, Louis Winkelman.

Mrs. Penny Zorn, in memory of her beloved father, Maxwell Shapiro.

Tikkun Olam: Committee for Community Outreach

Ruthie, Jimmy & Benjamin Ezra in honor of Alexandra Ezra's birthday.

Mrs. Miriam Kaplan.

Mr. & Mrs. Mortimer J. Propp, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Jason Dolinsk.

CALENDAR of EVENTS for JANUARY 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Remember the Daily <i>Minyanim</i> (except where noted): Monday-Friday 7:15 am. Sundays & Legal Holidays 9:00 am. <i>Minha</i> Sunday-Thursday 5:45 pm. Saturdays 4:30 pm (January 15, 22, 4:45 pm; January 29, 5:00 pm)			THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY <i>Schedule of Hours</i> Mondays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm	ECC=Early Childhood Center CS=Congregational School HS=Rabbi Judah Nadich High School		1 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
2	3 All School & Toddler Classes Resume 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	4 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew Class	5 10:00 am Adult Women on the Verge... Class 10:30 am Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism... Class	6 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	7 4:26 pm Light Candles 5:15 pm Tot <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service CS Gan, Alef, Bet & MATAN rishon Shabbat Dinner*	8 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 10:30 am Teen <i>Minyan</i> 11:00 am Nitzanim
9	10 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting	11 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 9:15 am ECC First Aid Course 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Club Investment Forum 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew Class	12 10:00 am Women on the Verge... Class 10:30 am Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism... Class 6:45 pm ECC Meeting With Rabbi Lincoln	13 ECC Parent Conferences by Class 11:00 pm Lunch 'n' Learn 8:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	14 4:33 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service Children's Birthday Service	15 No CS Classes 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
16 CS Hay (gr. 2) visit to The Jewish Museum	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Synagogue Offices Closed 7:15 am Service	18 ECC Class Photos 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew Class 7:00 pm Congregational Singers 8:00 pm Before the Stork	19 ECC Class Photos 10:00 am Adult Women on the Verge... Class 10:30 am Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism... Class Hay (gr. 1) visit to The Jewish Museum	20 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	21 Shabbaton 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service-Speaker Dennis Prager 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am Shabbat B'yachad 11:00 am Nitzanim 11:15 am Tot Shabbat Service 4:30 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder 6:15 pm Havdallah Program	22 Shabbaton 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service-Speaker Dennis Prager 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am Shabbat B'yachad 11:00 am Nitzanim 11:15 am Tot Shabbat Service 4:30 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder 6:15 pm Havdallah Program
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30 CS Zayin Parents & Students Visit The Museum of Jewish Heritage HS Chesed Sunday Project	31	31 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew Class				

*Reservation required

All information is subject to change. Please confirm with the Synagogue office or by going to www.pasyn.org

A Look Ahead

"Super Sunday Super Bowl Bash"

Sunday, February 6 at 6:00 pm
Come to the first annual football bash sponsored by the Men's Club. Watch the Super Bowl at P.A.S. Lots of food, football & fun for the whole family!

February Book Discussions

**Monday February 7 at
11:00 am and 8:00 pm**

Sisterhood's Book Discussion at 11:00 am will focus on *The Illuminated Soul*, by Lev Stollman. At 8:00 pm, Pat Davidson will lead a discussion of *A Trumpet in the Wadi*, by Sami Michael. Everyone is invited to both discussions.

Examine Yiddish Culture

Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 pm
As part of the P.A.S. 2005 theme, "The Spark Within Us," Sisterhood will explore Yiddish culture with the showing and discussion of the acclaimed documentary film, *A Yiddish World Remembered*. Sisterhood is also exploring the possibility of establishing a Yiddish Club at P.A.S.

Women & Money

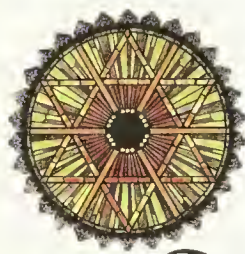
WEG will sponsor a financial program conducted by Women and Company, a member of Citigroup. Date TBA. Watch for details.

SAVE THE DATE

Special celebration
honoring
Geoff & Marcia Colvin
Saturday, February 26
Watch for details!

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